

Testimony of

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Before the

Education Committee

Re:

**HB 5286: AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PRESERVICE PERFORMANCE
ASSESSMENT FOR TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS.**

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Good morning, Senator McCrory, Representative Sanchez, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 5286 and the elimination of the statewide implementation of the preservice performance assessment, edTPA.

edTPA is a fluff project that many states make their student teachers do. It is barbaric to expect our student teachers to complete this while they are trying to grow. Many states have wonderful beginner teacher protocols. This extra exam is not needed, and sometimes it's used by institutions to drag down their students who have issues learning.

Thank you for addressing these critical issues impacting our students, our educators, and our school communities.